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CONTAINING ENZYMES OF SPECIFIED ACTIVITY (As amended)

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Final Office Action mailed November 5, 2002.

The requested extension is for One (1) Month, extending the period for response from February 5, 2003 to March 5, 2003.

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8 I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, March 5, 2003, in an envelope addressed to: Attn: Box AF, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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Enclosed is Check No. 531257 in the total amount of \$55.00; which consists of the fee for One (1) Month extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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